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SUBJECT: ROEL CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH ROEL YESTERDAY I INDICATED INTEREST IN HAVING ADDITIONAL REPORT ABOUT HIS VISIT TO CUBA.
2. ROEL MENTIONED THAT BE BELIEVED THAT THE NOTES HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED ON TO ME ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF FIDEL CASTRO AND THE CUBAN FORMIN.
3. IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER OF CUBA'S MILITARY INVOLVE-MENTS ABROAD ROEL SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT CUBA HAD

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MUCH FLEXIBILITY. HE MADE A NOTATION ON A PIECE OF PAPER LINKING CUBA AND RUSSIA AND COMMENTED THAT SUGAR IS NOT ENOUGH COMPENSATION FOR RUSSIAN AID, THAT CUBA MUST SEND OUT SOLDIERS AS WELL.

4. ROEL SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT MEXICO HAS ANY EFFECTIVE LEVERAGE WITH CUBA.

5. WITH REGARD TO TLATTELOCO, ROEL SAID THAT THE BEST HE
COULD DO WAS ELICIT A PLEDGE THAT CUBA WOULD STUDY THE
MATTER. LUCEY

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